



The Columbine

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

April 2007

How does your garden grow? ...in Colorado

Learn tips on planting successfully in Colorado's climate from Spencer's lawn care.

Wednesday April 18th

12:00 Noon – 2:00pm

At the Penrose House at Turkey Creek;
if the weather cooperates, we will be outside.

Lunch includes ½ Deli sandwich, salad, chips,
Lemonade, and cookies from Panera Catering.

Cost \$12.00

RSVP to Allison Fuller at 359-6546 or at
fc_osc@yahoo.com by Friday, April 13th

“Steph’s Stuff”

April...National Volunteer Month. It's the perfect time to express my gratitude to all of our volunteers...especially those of you who spent countless hours ensuring that Casino Night was a HUGE success. Thanks so much to all of you. Your hard work will benefit so many people in our community. We're getting ready to make scholarship and welfare distributions, and the success of Casino Night will allow us to be very generous again this year.

On another note...Carina, Ruth, and I were sorting through the OSC storage area this week, and we ran upon some “artifacts”, one of which was a verse from the early 90s that addressed how things had changed since the days of wearing white gloves and hats to the functions. I was discussing it with a fellow OSC member, and we reflected on just how different Army Life is, even compared to the 90s. How, ten years ago, a month or two separation from our spouses felt like FOREVER, and now we deal with six or twelve months apart, maybe more. How, these days, we're in survival mode...running households, keeping the kids on track, supporting our friends, worrying about the safety of our loved ones...all the while, trying to take care of ourselves. Little things like what people wear to our luncheons or dinners don't seem quite so important. What's more important is understanding that we are strongholds for each other in the midst of this unstable life. I don't know about you, but not a day goes by that I don't think about how lucky I am to know so many kind, strong women (most of whom I've known for only a short time) who have adopted me into their “Army Families” and remind me to dwell on the positive, recalling all the unique blessings that this life brings with it. Where else would you meet a stranger who, within a few months, becomes your best friend?

As this OSC year winds down, I want to make sure you all know that I appreciate you and have enjoyed serving such a spectacular group of Army Wives.

Your President,
Stephanie Sharp

“Kate’s Kuips”

Hi Everyone!

I am a very exhausted but elated woman after Casino Night!!! We sold over 400 tickets to the event, and it seemed as if all of the attendees had a wonderful time. Due to the support of the entire Colorado Springs and Fort Carson community, we were able to raise over \$27,000 at this event! It was a true success in every sense.

Needless to say, we would not have this money without the work of so many people:

To the communities that support Fort Carson – from Vail to Canon City, we could not have an event without you! You gave of your time and money. You did not hesitate when I asked for more. You supported Casino Night as well as Santa's Workshop. You are amazing – the most supportive community I have ever been a part of. Our soldiers and families are better off by living in Colorado Springs, and this event was proof of that.

To the volunteers, I must say thank you again. You were bright and cheerful in your green – helping hundreds of guests have an enjoyable experience. Because of you no one panicked when the food arrived late and when we ran out of raffle tickets. Not one person came to me with a complaint. It was the smoothest event I've been involved in, and you made it that much easier.

To the chair people, I want to publicly commend for all of your tireless efforts. You endured my meetings, late night phone calls, and panic attacks. I owe you so much, and I hope to repay you in any way possible.

Finally, to the board, you gave me a green light for all that I intended to accomplish. You allowed me to be creative, and you helped me when I made my mistakes. You were supportive and thoughtful. Thank you doesn't cover it!

I hope to see you all in the future. The army is such a small world. If you are ever in Virginia, don't hesitate to give me a call. Maybe someday we'll end up at Fort Carson and I can join the best club in the army again.

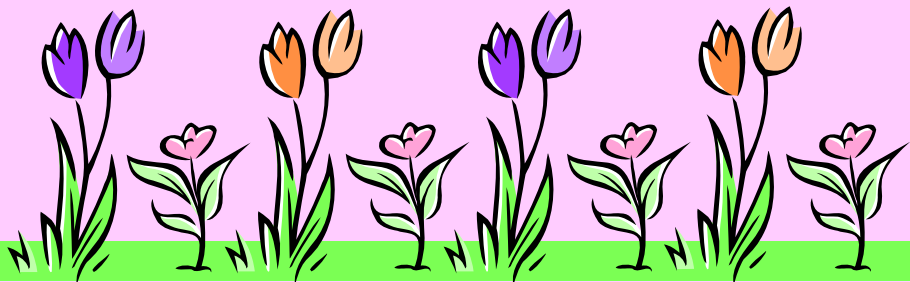
Until Then!

Kate Beckage

Notes from Rose and Amanda

Thanks to all of you who came to Colorado Jeopardy! Hopefully we all learned a new fun fact or two about Colorado. And congrats to our winners. We are gearing up for our April, "How does your Garden Grow," function at the Penrose House at Turkey Creek. We'll have great tips on gardening in Colorado from our good friends at Spencer's, as well as some useful Spring gardening opportunity prizes. And if the weather will cooperate, we'll be eating outside. It's a great place to spend an afternoon. We hope to see you there!

Rose and Amanda



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*Collete Davis, age 12 (mother, Susan)...4 St. Lo Drive...559-5021

*Molly Sawyer, age 20 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514
...has car, available after school (2pm)

*Erin Sawyer, age 18 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514
...has car, available evenings

*Monica Lobner, age 14 (mother, Bonnie)...4220 Danceglen Dr...540-2734

*Sam Fritts, age 15 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends,
prefers potty-trained children

*Kathryn Fritts, age 12 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends

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Lawn Services

Erick Murphy (mother, Carina)...610 Fernglen Ct (Broadmoor Glen area)...226-0762

We Create Community

April Highlights...

Youth Baseball, T-ball, Softball (385-5981)

Registration is April 2-27. Open to ages 5 to 17. Practices start the week of May 28; games begin mid June and end late July. Cost: \$40.00/child (includes the official game jersey and team replica hat/visor)

Young Stars Day Camp (385-6005)

Registration begins April 2 and goes until all spots fill. Open to ages 6 to 13. This neighborhood-based camp is for those who want to gain experience in several different sports, games, and an array of non-traditional activities and field trips. The program runs Monday through Friday; June 11-July 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Palmer Park, Golden Hills, Dublin or Middle Shooks Run. Cost: \$100.00/child (lunch not provided)

Camp City Voyage (385-6054)

Registration begins April 2 and goes until all 50 spots fill. Open to ages 8 to 13. Variety is the spice of life! Activities abound in this one-week camp for boys and girls. From north to south and east to west, we'll explore the treasures of Colorado Springs. It's all about the fun, whether we're cheering on the Skysox, touring the World Arena, checking out Tinseltown, bowling, swimming, playing golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard and more! All admissions are included in the cost. Camp runs Monday through Friday; July 30-August 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$140.00/child (lunch not provided)

Details at www.springsgov.com!



Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!



April Birthdays...

- 3: Susan Gueck-Gunn and Suzanne Tovo
- 9: Judy Percy
- 13: Cheryl Ferrell
- 16: Sarahann Mercado-Zeski
- 27: Stephanie Wallace and Cara Gulkema
- 28: LaShelle Thompson



Join A Club...

- Bowling: Cathy Hanson 382-1193
- Book Club: Lynn Engen 576-2602
- Dessert of the Month: Amanda Waterman 382-4604
- Quilting Club: Maridee Hargis 559-9442 or Lisa Doyle 559-7494
- Bunco: Maggie Sawyer 559-8514
- Hiking Club: Barbara Knorr 527-0240
- Scrapbooking Club: Audrey Wise 573-2157
- Golf Club: Roz Johnson 391-7665



Hey you! Yes....you. Are you looking for a way to stay busy? Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Are you just looking to have a good time? Then **we want you** to fill a position on the 2007-2008 Fort Carson Officers' Spouses Club. Positions include: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Membership, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Welfare, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Hospitality, Publicity/Advertising, Reservations, Columbine Editor, Parliamentarian, and Property Custodian. If interested, please contact the Parliamentarian (Amy Howard, 559-9100, howardx3@aol.com) and give her your name, a good contact phone number and the position in which you are interested. The haggard look on this year's board members has nothing to do with FCOSC.....really. ☺



This Month's Ravin' Restaurant Review



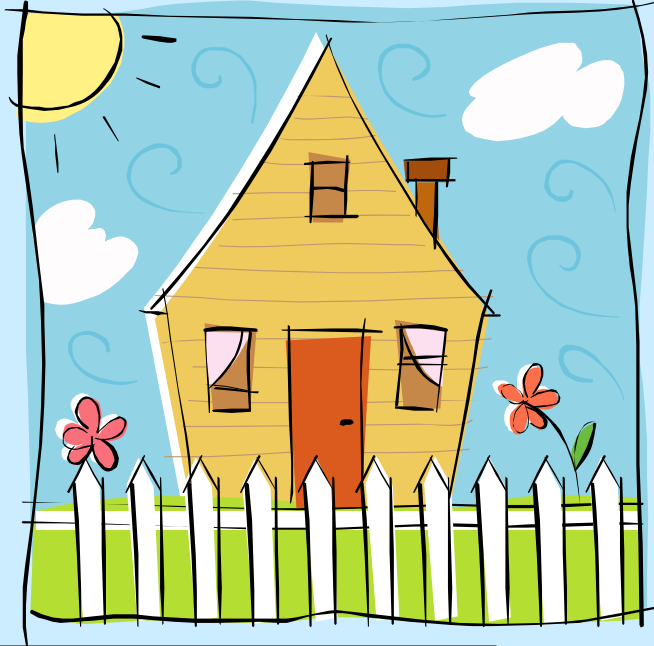
Adam's Mountain Café
934 Manitou Avenue
Manitou Springs
685-1430

For a menu, visit www.adamsmountain.com

All I have to say is **DELICIOUS!!** While you're in the area, check out the Commonwheel Co-Op. GREAT pottery and artwork by local artists...very affordable.

Everything is blooming most
recklessly; if it were voices
instead of colors, there would
be an unbelievable shrieking
into the heart of the night.

~Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters of
Rainer Maria Rilke*



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Important Membership Information:

****Members who join from January through the end of the year only pay \$15 in dues.**

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2006-2007 Events

Wed, 18Oct, 12 to 2pm – Oktoberfest

Wed, 15Nov, 6 to 8*pm – Fajita Fiesta
Penrose House, Turkey Creek

Mon, 4Dec – Santa's Workshop Ribbon
Cutting

4Dec to 8Dec – Santa's Workshop

Sun, 10Dec, 2 to 5pm – Holiday Spectacular
Tour of Homes

Wed, 17Jan, 6 to 8:30pm – Polish Pottery
Bingo

Wed, 21Feb, 12 to 2pm – Bring on the Books:
Book Exchange and Children's Book Drive

Sat, 17Mar – Casino Night

Wed, 21Mar, 6 to 8*pm– This is Jeopardy..
Local Trivia at the Elkhorn

Wed, 18Apr, 12 to 2pm – How Does Your
Garden Grow? Planting Tips for Our Climate

Wed, 16May, 6 to 8*pm – Wine Tasting and
Installation at Taste of CO Wine Shop,
Manitou Springs

*Note time correction...evening events
are intended to end at 8pm, not 9pm.

Reservation Policy

*Reservations (and food choices) for FCOSC events must be made in advance. Please note the RSVP date in your copy of the Columbine.

*At each event, the reservations coordinator will greet you at the entrance where you will pick up your nametag and pay by check or cash. Sorry, no credit cards on site.

*Those who wish to hold permanent reservations may do so by providing their credit card information. If you choose to utilize this convenience and are unable to make an event, please call to cancel as soon as possible.

*Cancellations will be taken anytime after the RSVP date. Cancellations inside a 48-hour window will warrant a charge for the event.

Childcare Policy

The childcare policy has changed since the 2005-2006 year. Last year childcare was donated to FCOSC due to the large number of deployed soldiers. That has since changed. You are now responsible for your own childcare expenses.

*Childcare for morning events is available at the southwest hourly care center; your child must be registered through central registration to use this facility.

*Reservations for childcare may be made up to two weeks in advance for daytime functions by calling 526-2463.

* Evening childcare will be the responsibility of participating spouses. For a list of certified childcare providers, call central registration at 526-1101.

* Child and Youth Services only allows 20 hours worth of childcare per week. If you have exceeded this allowance, they will not make your child's reservation.

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